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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 of the Specification, after the Title of the Invention and before the Technical Field starting on line 1, please insert the following section:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application PCT/JP2004/005525, filed April 16, 2004, which was published in a language other than English which claims priority of JP 2003-114381, filed April 18, 2003.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10, as follows:

The method will be further explained below by referring, as an example, to a case of using PCR. The primer pair used for PCR can be designed in the same manner as in a method for designing a primer pair in usual PCR except that it is designed so that a region to which the probe of the present invention is hybridizable should be amplified. The length and T_m of the primers are usually 10- to 40-mer and 40 to 70°C, preferably 15- to 25-mer and 55 to 60°C, respectively. Primers of the primer pair may not be equal in length. However, it is preferred that the T_m values of the primers are substantially equal (the difference is usually within 2°C). The T_m values are values calculated by the nearest neighbor method. Examples of the primer pair include a primer pair comprising primers having the nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NOS: 2 and 33 and 4.